

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-4, 17, 18, 26-31, 35-44 & 49-52 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The nearest prior art does not suggest a directory listing containing only those programs in common between two computers.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Election/Restrictions

3. In Applicant's response of 26 September 2011, Applicant traverses the restriction of claims in the previous office action. However, since Applicant cancelled the claims in question, the traversal is moot.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CORBETT B. COBURN whose telephone number is (571)272-4447. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David L. Lewis can be reached on (571) 272-7673. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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